

Dear Warden:

Below please find a warden message from the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia. Please share this warden message with any U.S. citizens in Bolivia with whom you have contact. We hope this information is useful to you. If we may provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy La Paz, Bolivia

WARDEN MESSAGE
U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA
March 2, 2009

This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens traveling to and residing in Bolivia that the Bolivian press reports, the Driver's Union of Bolivia (the "*Confederacion de Choferes de Bolivia*") has announced a 48-hour nationwide public transportation strike commencing Wednesday, March 3, 2010. The Union is protesting the recently approved decree that imposes sanctions on drunk drivers, bus owners and companies that operate buses responsible for causing accidents.

U.S. citizens are encouraged to avoid areas where mass blockades, protests, or demonstrations may occur during this strike. We wish to remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence at any time. If you need to travel through Bolivia, or within any of its cities, use your best judgment, and remain alert.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current worldwide caution, travel warnings and travel alerts can be found. Additional information is available in the country specific information for Bolivia at <http://travel.state.gov> and on the Embassy web page at <http://bolivia.usembassy.gov>.

Current information on travel and security in Bolivia may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). U.S. citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate on the State Department's travel registration web site at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

U.S. citizens may contact the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at consularlapaz@state.gov or by telephone at (591-2) 216-8297 during

business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (591-2) 216-8500 after hours and on weekends. The consular section is located in the U.S. Embassy at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). The Santa Cruz consular agency can be reached by telephone at 591-3-351-3477 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the Cochabamba consular agency at 591-4-411-6313 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

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